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An Unusual Citizen.

Rock Island has lost an unusual citizen in the passing of Orrin S. Holt. He had lived in the community the greater part of his 71 years. His birthplace was in a dwelling that stood at the northeast corner of Second avenue and Light Street, a street where there is now located a streetcar business. Mr. Holt followed a variety of activities in his life, but through them all he cultivated a hobby that eventually won him considerable recognition as the leading authority on Rock Island's history. He had prepared numerous papers on the subject and they were read with wide interest. Several of them found a place in the records of the Illinois State Historical society, of which Mr. Holt was an active member. His counsel guided the details of the Fort Armstrong centennial observance a year ago last June. From young men he had inspired his spare moments to studying events of historical moment concerning his home city and the other localities comprising the county. When disagreements arose over local history Mr. Holt's decision was accepted as final. He was a seemingly unending fund of facts, the most of which he could recall from memory.

Mr. Holt had been employed as a new mill worker by a bookkeeper, farmer, and construction superintendent. In the latter capacity he had directed the erection of many important buildings, both in Rock Island and elsewhere. Mr. Holt was an unassuming citizen; open in his dealings with his fellowmen; one whose friendship was highly prized by all those who knew him.

While the Kaiser was hoisting his address to the Kaiser's birthday, during the 30 years of his reign he had always been the champion of humanity. London was rejecting the sinking of another hospital ship by a German submarine.

Have you bought any of the war savings stamps? The investment is so small that all can participate. And it's one more way of helping to win the war.

Germany's Next Move.

When Germany elects to align herself with other nations of the world whose word and covenant can be trusted and respected and is willing to make reparation for the wrongs committed against unoffending governments she will be welcomed into the harbor of peace, the sword will be put aside, and in future all peoples will be permitted to live their own lives and work out their own destinies.

That, in a nutshell, is what President Wilson said yesterday in his address before congress re-stating the war aims of the United States. These are similar to those of the other countries that are arrayed against the common enemy. The speech delivered by Lloyd George the other day was commended for its fairness and its frankness and its forthrightness. The president had emphasized to correct an impression that Germany would have the world believe that the countries that are fighting her are seeking to take an unfair advantage of her. The president denied that territorial ambitions possessed any of the allied governments. The United States only asked that the world be made a safe place in which people may abide in future. That the weak nations as well as the strong be protected in their rights of rule and development so long as there were no encroachments upon a neighbor; that the day of domination by force must cease; and that when a nation subscribed to treaties they would not be regarded as mere scraps of paper if not to be enforced under penalty.

There is a popular notion for Russia in the address that nation having the assurance of sympathy and assistance of the other governments fighting Germany until it has attained its dream of peace and security for the future. The experience through which Russia is today passing in peace negotiations being conducted with Germany is the best answer to why the United States is at war with the rulers of Kaiserland. That is (not the present position in Germany are without honor. The reichstag, supposedly representative of the masses, fixes terms on which a settlement of the war can be reached, and the military party refuses to be guided by its enactments.

Today Germany is the only fighting nation whose war aims are not definitely known. President Wilson makes it plain in his address that the United States is prepared for a fight that will continue until the principles for which she drew the sword are vindicated. After reading the speeches of the president of the United States and the premier of Great Britain in the past few days, it wouldn't seem that the Kaiser would have the temerity to repeat his old excuse that Germany's enemies are alone responsible for the prosecution of the slaughter in Europe. The tables have been so completely turned that the only answer that Germany can make that will gain serious hearing in the world is one in which there is a complete and unqualified statement of her expectations with the termination of the conflict. Germany knows how to end the war, and that is simply by changing from the mood of a blood-sucking monster to a humane government, willing to treat in a Christian spirit with her neighbors, putting aside the toothy belief that she can force those that disagree with her in her presentments of rulers. As the president so aptly puts it, the day of force has gone. This is an age of reason and compromise.

The president's address is punchy and to the point in every paragraph. Like all of his state papers, it is a masterpiece, and is well worth reading over again and again. It is respectfully commended to the attention of those, if there be any of their kind in our midst, who still try to convince themselves they don't understand why the United States went to war with Germany.

Farmers of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska are appealing for cars to move their corn before it spoils in the fields. They declare relief must be had within 60 days. Here is a chance for the government to display some speed in transportation efficiency.

Edmund M. Buford, owner of the Daily Herald at Quincy, Ill., died yesterday at the age of 64. He began his newspaper career as a reporter on the Rock Island Register in 1877. He was widely known over the state.

The Kenosha Plan.

Whether Rock Island is to adopt the Kenosha plan in money raising campaigns in future has not been decided. Kenosha says that it works out satisfactorily, but those who would have it adopted here are not yet convinced that it is the proper system to be applied here. A meeting of employers is to be held at the Rock Island club tomorrow to further discuss the proposal. It is quite well agreed that Rock Island should have some standard plan to follow in future. The experience of the past year accentuates its necessity. In Kenosha, charitable, philanthropic and patriotic organizations are organized, and pledges are secured in advance to cover the entire outlay. In this manner all personnel solicitation is eliminated and much of the annoyance and embarrassment attending the collecting funds for worthy objects dispensed with. Furthermore, there are not constant calls upon busy men to go on fundraising tours. The money is all gathered through a central agency.

Governor Lowden paid a post mortem on three of his predecessors which he suggested them delegates to his campaign of national service in Chicago. Those named are Tamm, Doremus and Miller.

Mr. McAtee is giving the railroad employees who are protesting for increased pay to be not so impatient. First of all he wants them to be loyal to their own state and country. He gives them his word that they will have a fair deal in the wage matter. That must be enough to satisfy them.

Shark Getting Bonds.

The shark is working among the soldiers in the army cantonments. His special prey is the Liberty bond. Loans of \$50 to \$75 are made on a time bond, with interest rates running as high as 10 per cent. The soldier is asked not to surrender his bond unless forced absolutely by financial pinch to do so, but he is strongly urged in such a case to go to any reputable banker, by whom he will be promptly loaned, any advances that he might want to have being made him at reasonable interest charges. The volunteers who are working around the cantonments have as their object permanent possession of the bonds, and gaining as clear profit the difference between the amounts loaned and the cash value of the certificates. The work is done by the sharks, who are in power to protect the soldier against the loan shark. If the coupon that has been given him would be respected there would be a quick ending of the shark's racket.

Mayor Thompson of Chicago issued a proclamation calling upon citizens to volunteer in helping to dig the city out of the snow. There was a fine response, rich and poor alike turning out with their shovels. If there is more attention paid to walks in Rock Island in future when we have heavy snow falls it might be a good idea for the local mayor to adopt the plan employed in Chicago.

Merchants are requested by the federal government not to advertise that they will accept Liberty bonds as cash for merchandise. It is the desire of the government that the bonds remain in the hands of the original purchasers. When they fall to do so, the object of the fiction has been defeated.

Business of Smiling.

"Smile and cheerfulness are the things that will help us in these times. We can at least make one of our New Year's resolutions the determination to do our work with a smile. Heaven knows there will be heavy enough in these days of trial. A smile goes a long way toward making the other fellow feel a little more like smiling."

The above admonition was part of the Christmas message issued to the employees of the Interborough Transit company of New York by the president, Theodore P. Shonta.

It is easy to see what the effect would be on a whole city to have the street car men and all others smile happily all day long. It is not easily done. The practice has to be acquired. Inner grudge have to be hidden. They cannot be forgotten.

Some cities illustrate what can be done by the acquisition of a happy, bustling spirit. The Pacific coast cities are an example of the habit. Out there, nothing will be acknowledged of a depressing nature, all they will see or talk about are the cheerful, successful features of life on the coast. The climate, the prosperity and many other things.

Rock Island real estate agents are agreed that there should be more dwellings in the city. They say there is plenty of room to build, but that the difficulty is in interesting capital in such enterprises.

President Wilson offers Germany the opportunity to stop the slaughter in Europe through the simple process of consenting to be counted as one of the decent nations of the world.

CHORDS AND DISCORDS

WITH soap selling at 23 cents a bar in Germany it is presumed that the dirty work will continue.

"YOUR snow story interested me," comments P. L. E. "But it's small stuff compared to an experience I had in Iowa 20 years ago. I was living on a farm. My wife went to feed the chickens, while I took care of the horses. It was snowing when we separated, but the fall was light. Within a half hour the snow was coming down in great chunks, and a blizzard came up. The drifts became so heavy that it was necessary for my wife to remain in the chicken house and me in the horse barn over night. Neither of us could make our way to the house. In fact we were afraid to make the attempt. By morning the drifts had been blown to pieces and we were able to return to the house."

"THREE Mayors and Blizard Grip Michigan City."—Headline. Trouble, as somebody has said, never comes singly.

A NEW York minister announces that he will hereafter preach in a khaki uniform and will not remove it until the war is brought to a close. If he lives up to his promise he is likely to invite intervention by the health department.

It is reported that fish will be cheaper before the end of the present month. We believe we've bitten on this before.

THE German newspapers don't think much of the recent speech of Lloyd George. Nobody expected that they would.

It is estimated that 1,500 tons of fine soap is wasted every year in hotels. Which recalls the assertion of a much traveled person that if he got close enough to a New York visitor he could name the hotel at which he was stopping.

THE man who had to get out Monday morning and dig a hole in a four-foot snow drift had a fair understanding of what trench digging in France at this season of the year must be. The only difference is that the ground is more difficult to penetrate than is snow. So you are not having such a time of it, with your snow shoes, as you may imagine that you are.

ITS none of our business, but when readers send in their items we must publish them, or they won't get the notion that we didn't want to hear from them. Thus we beg to announce from the authority of Pansy, that Miss Tina Bear receives her mail at Roodhouse, Ill.

"WHILE we are having so many special days designated as helpful to the war cause, may not I propose to beg that we have a fashionless day?" inquires Mrs. L. F., who is the mother of a youngster that is just beginning to come through with a few mauls. "The war, to be sure, is the concern of all of us, but my chief trouble is at home. If I could have it managed so my teething griefs were halted one day in each week I would be happy."

HAVE you noted how long the days are getting?

HAVE you lately come across your wise friend who predicted that we were to have an open winter?

YES, it has been an open winter for the furnace. It has been open most of the time while you were feeding it.

THERE are people in this world who don't regard their lives as at all satisfactory unless they have had an operation for appendicitis.

THERE are many who find it impossible to go across until they come across. You know what I mean. There's a husband in over there shooting Germans.

"HAMBURG Dark to Sea Coast."—Headline. To save the Kaiser would be more in keeping with the facts.

BOMER F. Six and Maude Nino were married last week in West Virginia.

"WOMEN Excel in Camouflage Work."—Headline. For instance, there is the battle.

SISTER Lucille still has the mistake hanging in the hallway. She says she never can tell when one's hopes may be realized.

AN eastern paper manufacturer has left a half million dollars to education. At the price the press has been paying for paper the past few years all of his contemporaries ought to do likewise as a measure of conscience relief.

EDDIE Rounds, a clown, was shot to death by a chauffeur in Kansas City the other day. If the shooting had occurred beneath the big top it wouldn't have hurt the entertainer a bit.

OUR notion of a "sensible" humor is a man who will chase a street car for a block, and miss it; then stand and laugh at himself.

IGNATZ suggests that with Mr. Hoover in control of the twin supply he ought to be able to tighten up on the food profiteers.

WHEN Hindenburg speaks of peace he has in mind a hunk of territory belonging to some nation other than Germany.

IF Senator Reed's ambition is to gain general disfavor among the American people he is making a marked success of his effort.

IT might not be a bad idea for you to get out that straw hat you wore last summer. One can't tell—perhaps there won't be any new straw hats to be had the coming warm season.

AND that Palm Beach, too. It might stand another season.

J. M. C.

—AND THIS IS NOT CAMOUFLAGE, KAISER BILL!



The Day in Davenport

Over Three Hundred Apply.—Up until noon yesterday approximately three hundred Rock Island residents had applied at the United States revenue office, federal building, and presented vital information from General Deputy Collector S. A. Monger, in reference to the new income tax laws.

Lawyers Held Election.—The Scott County Bar association yesterday elected R. B. Cook, senior member of the law firm of Cook & Hallitt, president of the association for 1918, succeeding A. E. Carroll. Otto Gilbrech was elected vice president, and Charles Griffin, of Wilson, Griffin & Wilson, had withdrawn his name. Wayne Cook and W. T. Waterman were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively for the ensuing year.

To Take Sheriff Away.—Charles Leuchter, self-confessed slacker, lodged in the Scott county jail in default of \$500 bond, will be taken to Federal Rapids at once by United States Deputy Marshal Peterson, according to instructions the deputy marshal received from Marshal Rock, Reed, Leuchter, a former Rock Island resident, was arrested in the report by Deputy Peterson Nov. 15. He has been lodged in the Scott county jail ever since.

Watch Bond Sharks.—A warning to soldiers and civilians to watch out for Liberty loan sharks was issued yesterday by Lieutenant E. L. Wright, U. S. A., local regular army recruiting officer.

Will Dedicate Flag.—An important event of next Sunday at the Epiphany church will be the dedication of a service flag in honor of the members of the congregation and Sunday school.

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The Daily Short Story

THAT BILL FOR FLOWERS.

By F. A. Mitchell.

"Grace," said Mr. Larramore, "I'm getting old and it is high time to provide for such condition as you and Dick."

Mr. Larramore was stilled. "What I wish to say," he continued, "is that I have the same feeling for you as if you were my own daughter."

"Yes, uncle."

"I have enough to leave you comfortable when I come to the jumping off place and I have enough to leave Dick comfortable, but if I divide the property between you both there is not enough to make either comfortable."

"Then, uncle, it is your duty to leave your property to your own son."

"Why can't I leave it to you and him as one person?"

"It is impossible."

"Dick would rather I would leave it to you jointly. He—"

"Now, uncle, I know what you mean. I've heard it all from Dick and I have always been brother and sister and such we'll always be."

This ended the father's attempt to help his son to secure the wife that son wanted. Dick Larramore was engaged in business in another city and seldom visited his home, so his foster sister was not troubled with his attentions. Six months after this attempt of his father to make a match between the two Grace said to her uncle:

"What the matter with Dick?" He has never let so long time go by before without coming home for a visit."

"I think some girl is keeping him. Grace looked grave.

"I shouldn't be surprised," continued Mr. Larramore, "to hear any day that he is engaged."

"Why do you think so?"

"Well, you know Dick's salary is not very large and he occasionally falls back upon me. The other day he sent me a bill for flowers."

"Oh! I see."

The subject was not pressed further. A few days later Dick received a letter from his cousin-foster sister chiding him for remaining away from home so long without a visit. His father was very much hurt at his son's neglect of him.

This letter brought Dick home for the next week-end. He had an interview with his father at which the latter denied that he considered his son neglectful of him and commended him for standing by his business. The old man went to bed early and Dick spent the rest of the evening with Grace.

"Who is this person you're sending flowers to?" asked Grace in a bold tone.

"I wouldn't send flowers to a person I would only send them to an attractive girl."

There was a brief silence between them which was broken by Grace.

"Do you think you have a right to marry when your father is getting old and needs your attention?"

"He isn't getting my attention. You are taking care of him and doing it far better than I could. I supposed you were to remain single as long as he lives."

"How very self-sacrificing you are," sarcastically.

"It's self-sacrificing of you. I've heard you say often that you were going to be an old maid for dad's sake."

"I suppose after dear uncle's death you will bring this woman you're going to marry into the house and I shall have to vacate?"

"I'm not going to marry this woman. If I marry I shall marry a lovely girl."

"Supposing"—Grace said with great seriousness, "supposing that I should die before your father, do you suppose he would be able to put up with a strange person who you would bring into the house to take my place?"

"But you're not going to die, and I'm not going to bring a 'strange person' into this house."

"I don't know; I've had queer feelings about my heart lately."

"You don't mean it; who is the girl who is making the trouble with your heart?"

"You know very well that I don't mean it; that some girl at all. If I did you would not be the person to refer to my love as a card."

"Why not?"

"You know very well that I would not do what you are going to do. I'm sorry, uncle will be perfectly satisfied to have me marry and approve of the gentleman who is to be my husband."

"Oh he is to be a gentleman, is he?"

"He has one fault."

"What's that?"

"He is very unfeeling; he doesn't seem to value what a noble, good father he has."

Dick opened his eyes very wide and looked up at the ceiling. Grace's eyes were glued to the floor. Presently Dick said:

"Which, being interpreted, means that you are willing to sacrifice yourself to dad's desires."

"I will marry no man who does not love me."

"And I will marry no girl who does not love me."

The dialogue came to an abrupt end, for Dick caught her in his arms and sealed her lips with kisses.

The next morning, when Mr. Larramore came downstairs his son grasped his hand and said feelingly:

"A million thanks, dad."